

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The application has been carefully reviewed in light of the June 30, 2006 Office Action.

A two-month extension of time, with pertinent fee, is submitted herewith.

In that Office Action, the claims were rejected on the ground of a nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting. In response, applicant files herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, as the 5,807,176 patent is commonly owned by the owners of the present application.

Claims 15-19 and 30-31 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim in any intervening claims. Applicant has combined independent claim 1 with dependent claim 15, which is in condition for allowance. Also, applicant has combined independent claim 25 with objected-to claim 30, and thus this claim should be allowed. Moreover, the claims depending from these amended independent claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant has canceled claims 36-45. Accordingly, applicant believes that all currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, notice of which is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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